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Dawn Nguyen Indicted by Grand Jury
Alleged Purchaser of Firearms Used in Fatal Attack Charged
with Falsifying Business Records

Rochester, NY- Today, District Attorney Sandra Doorley announced that a Monroe County Grand Jury has indicted Dawn Nguyen, 23, on one (1) count of Falsifying Business Records in the 1st Degree, a class E Felony, for entering false statements during the purchase of two firearms on June 6, 2010. On that date, Nguyen, while purchasing two firearms at a sporting goods store in Henrietta, signed statements asserting that the firearms were being purchased by her for her personal use. Authorities, however, believe that Nguyen was purchasing the weapons for William Spengler, whom she knew to be a convicted Felon. Spengler would later use those weapons to carry out the December 24, 2012 attack on firefighters, in which two members of the West Webster Fire Department lost their lives. Today's indictment focuses on Nguyen's actions in 2010, however, and does not involve charges relating to the December 24th incident.

Timothy Prosperi, the Second Assistant District Attorney, will prosecute the case for the People.

"On June 6, 2010, Dawn Nguyen allegedly made false statements, which years later, contributed to an unspeakable tragedy," said Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley. "Although Ms. Nguyen is not implicated in the events of December 24th, 2012, signing a false statement is a serious crime with serious consequences, and I look forward to ensuring that justice is done in this case."

Nguyen, who remains free on bail, will be arraigned in County Court in the coming days. If convicted, she faces up to 4 years in State prison.

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